

Bill 42 (2017)
Early Testimony

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Agenda Item bill 42
Your position on the matter Oppose
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written
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I object to throwing good money after bad, over and over, for an incompetent, lying HART. No more kala. Cut bait now. Stop being lemmings blindly following the blind mayor who wants to keep spending on this disgracefully, over budget project because it is his pet. End the project at middle street, use buses, and whatever money is saved should be spent on repairing our streets, sidewalks, parks, and derelict infrastructure.

If I were to run a business the way HART does, I would be thrown in jail and the key thrown away. Why aren't they locked up? Their actions are disgraceful, make us laughing stocks and the only thing that will get their attention is jail time.

Maybe Robert Mueller can come here when he is finished with the Russia probe and set things straight.

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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 42 (217)
Your position on the matter Oppose
Representing Self
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? No

Written Testimony Many times the citizens of Honolulu have been promised and assured that no city funds would be used to build the rail. Now, here we are poised to upend that commitment. If this bill passes, it will show that city government cannot be trusted. If this bill passes and property taxes are used to fund rail, there will be many very angry constituents, especially in communities like Hawaii Kai and Kailua where residents would not benefit from rail.

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October 17, 2018

The Honorable Ernest Martin, Chair
The Honorable Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice Chair
and Members
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Support for Bill 42

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine, and members:

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We support Bill 42, support of Bill 42, CD1 relating to funding for transit.

The Federal Transit Administration, via letter dated September 21st, is requiring the City to take action to fully commit \$44 million for management and administrative functions towards the project within 60 days. If not, the FTA can proceed with the remedies set forth in the project's Full Funding Grant Agreement.

We cannot risk losing \$745 million in federal grant money if the City does not act quickly to satisfy the FTA. We have no choice.

Rail construction is at a critical juncture. Management and administrative functions are vital to its success and we need to finish the job. Passage of Bill 42 is an important step in keeping the rail project moving forward.


As you know, we have been strong advocates for the full build out of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project from West Kapolei to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. We believe this project is an important endeavor which will:

- Provide commuters with a fast, safe, and reliable alternative to driving in traffic congestion, eliminating tens of thousands of car trips that would otherwise be taken in private vehicles;
- Generate thousands of jobs in construction, engineering, and related fields, as well as additional indirect jobs in all sectors of our island's economy;
- Create the potential for transit-oriented development to take place in and around station areas, giving families the opportunity to affordably live, work, shop, and play closer to home; and

- Offer a more sustainable future for our island home through reduced CO₂ emissions and less dependence on costly, imported oil.

To that end, we humbly request your favorable action on Bill 42, so that progress on the project may proceed into urban Honolulu, as intended by the voters of the City and County of Honolulu.

Mahalo,

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Nathaniel Kinney
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HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

October 16, 2018

Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Statement of the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters in Support of Bill 42

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Pine and members of the Honolulu City Council:

We **support Bill 42**, relating to funding for transit. The passage of this bill will allow for greater flexibility in the sources of monies which can be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

The FTA has given the City a deadline to commit these additional funds and we appreciate that the Council is now acting to move forward.

Rail construction is at a critical juncture. Management and administrative functions are vital to its success and we need to ensure the project has the funding it needs to continue without disruption.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.

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for a better tomorrow.*

October 15, 2018

Honorable Ernest Martins, City Council Chair
Honorable, Kymberly Pine, Vice Chair
Honorable members of the Honolulu City Council

RE: SUPPORT BILL 42 (2017), CD1 – FUNDING FOR TRANSIT. Allowing for greater flexibility in the sources of monies to be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

Chair Ernest Martin and Members of the Honolulu City Council:

My name is Pane Meatoga III and I am the Community Liaison representing the Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund (HOEISF). We are a labor management fund representing 4000 unionized members in the heavy engineering site work and 500 general contractors specializing in heavy site and vertical construction.

Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund supports the passing of Bill 42 with the proposed CD1, to allow for greater flexibility in the sources of monies to be used for the capital cost of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

We believe that it is important to provide adequate infrastructure that will help alleviate the traffic congestion along the H-1 and H-2 freeways during the morning and evening commute for Honolulu residents. The Honolulu Rail Transit Project is a key component in this plan. Allowing more flexibility in what revenues sources can be used to assist in funding this project will help ensure this project is completed.

Sincerely,

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Pane Meatoga III
Community Liaison
Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund

Honolulu City Council
Honolulu Hale
530 S. King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018

RE: Bill 42 (2017) CD1



Working together for Kapolei

Chair Ernie Martin and Members of the Honolulu City Council,

My name is Kiran Polk, and I am the Executive Director of the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce, testifying in support of Bill 42, CD1 relating to funding for transit.

The Kapolei Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for business in the Kapolei region. The Chamber, representing the interests of all types of businesses, small, medium and large, works on behalf of the business community to improve the regional and State economic climate and help Kapolei businesses thrive.

The Kapolei Chamber and its members have long supported Honolulu's rail transit project. We view rail as an important component of much needed transportation infrastructure that will facilitate the growth, development and long-term prosperity of the city of Kapolei.

The FTA, via their letter dated September 21, 2018, is requiring the City to take action to fully commit \$44 million identified in HART's previous financial plan towards the project within 60 days.

The Kapolei Chamber supports the completion of the full 20 mile, 21 station rail project. We cannot risk losing the balance of the federal grant, about \$745 million, if the City does not act quickly to satisfy the federal government. We have too much to lose if we don't act now.

Therefore, we respectfully request your approval of Bill 42, CD1 to keep rail moving forward. Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony to you.

Sincerely,

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Kiran Polk
Executive Director

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